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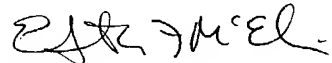
1. The reply filed on June 24, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the response fails to set forth the correct status identifier for each claim, for example, see claims 68-70, which are labeled as “original” claims. However, claims 68-70 were not in the application as originally filed. Please correct these identifiers and any others that are incorrectly identified. Applicant is reminded that the status identifiers must be one of the seven permissible status identifiers set forth in the revised amendment practice 37 CFR 1.121. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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